

# Senate Amendment 3143

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1 1 Amend Senate File 370 as follows:  
1 2 #1. Page 8, line 31, by inserting after the word  
1 3 the following: <described in section 53.16,  
1 4 subsection 3, or>.  
1 5 #2. Page 16, by striking lines 8 through 22, and  
1 6 inserting the following:  
1 7 <53.16 SUBSCRIBING TO AFFIDAVIT == IDENTIFICATION  
1 8 REQUIRED OF CERTAIN VOTERS.  
1 9 1. After marking the ballot, the voter shall make  
1 10 and subscribe to the affidavit on the reverse side of  
1 11 the envelope, and fold the ballot or ballots,  
1 12 separately, so as to conceal the markings on them, and  
1 13 deposit them in the envelope, and securely seal the  
1 14 envelope.  
1 15 2. An eligible elector who registers by mail and  
1 16 who has not previously voted in an election for  
1 17 federal office in the county of registration and who  
1 18 is voting an absentee ballot by mail, at the  
1 19 commissioner's office, or at a satellite voting  
1 20 station, shall be required to provide a form of  
1 21 identification described in section 49.77, subsection  
1 22 3, unless the registrant provided on the registration  
1 23 form the registrant's Iowa driver's license number or  
1 24 the last four numerals of the registrant's social  
1 25 security number and the driver's license or partial  
1 26 social security number matches an existing state or  
1 27 federal identification record with the same social  
1 28 security number or Iowa driver's license number and  
1 29 name, including first name and any family forename or  
1 30 surname, and date of birth, including month, date, and  
1 31 year.  
1 32 3. A voter who is required to present  
1 33 identification when casting an absentee ballot in  
1 34 person shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot  
1 35 pursuant to section 49.81 if the voter does not  
1 36 provide the required identification. If a voter who  
1 37 is required to present identification when casting an  
1 38 absentee ballot votes an absentee ballot by mail, the  
1 39 ballot returned by the voter shall be considered a  
1 40 provisional ballot pursuant to sections 49.81 and  
1 41 53.31.>  
1 42 #3. Page 18, line 7, by inserting after the word  
1 43 the following: .  
1 44 #4. Page 18, line 13, by inserting after the word  
1 45 the following: .  
1 46 #5. Page 18, line 15, by inserting after the word  
1 47 the following: .  
1 48 #6. Page 18, line 19, by inserting after the word  
1 49 the following: .  
1 50 #7. By striking page 28, line 33 through page 31,  
2 1 line 1, and inserting the following:  
2 2 \_\_\_\_\_. Section 39A.2, subsection 1, paragraph  
2 3 b, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new  
2 4 subparagraph:  
2 5 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) Returns an absentee ballot  
2 6 application or voted absentee ballot to the  
2 7 commissioner's office and the person is not an  
2 8 immediate family member of the applicant or voter as  
2 9 that term is defined in section 53.1A or is not the  
2 10 designee of a voter described in section 53.22,  
2 11 subsection 5.  
2 12 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 53.1A DEFINITIONS.  
2 13 For purposes of this chapter, "immediate family  
2 14 member" of an absentee ballot applicant or absentee  
2 15 ballot voter means the spouse, adult child, parent,  
2 16 grandparent, or adult sibling of the applicant or  
2 17 voter.  
2 18 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.2, unnumbered paragraph 1,  
2 19 Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
2 20 Any registered voter, under the circumstances  
2 21 specified in section 53.1, may ~~on any day, except~~  
2 22 ~~election day, and~~ not more than ~~seventy sixty~~ days  
2 23 prior to the date of the election, apply in person for  
2 24 an absentee ballot at the commissioner's office or at

2 25 any location designated by the commissioner, or make  
2 26 written application to the commissioner for an  
2 27 absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications may  
2 28 only be distributed by the commissioner's office. The  
2 29 commissioner may make absentee ballot applications  
2 30 available on the commissioner's office internet  
2 31 website. Absentee ballot applications shall be  
2 32 distributed by the commissioner not more than sixty  
2 33 days and not less than seven days before the election.  
2 34 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The state commissioner shall  
2 35 prescribe a form for absentee ballot applications.  
2 36 ~~However, if a registered voter submits an application~~  
2 37 ~~that includes all of the information required in this~~  
2 38 ~~section, the prescribed form is not required.~~  
2 39 Absentee ballot applications may include instructions  
2 40 to send the application directly to the county  
2 41 commissioner of elections. However, no absentee  
2 42 ballot application shall be preaddressed or printed  
2 43 with instructions to send the applications to anyone  
2 44 other than the appropriate commissioner. A completed  
2 45 application for an absentee ballot may be returned  
2 46 only by the applicant, or a member of the applicant's  
2 47 immediate family, or the applicant's designee if the  
2 48 applicant is a voter described in section 53.22,  
2 49 subsection 5.  
2 50 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.2, Code 2003, is amended by  
3 1 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
3 2 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If an absentee ballot  
3 3 application is received by the commissioner more than  
3 4 sixty days before the election, the commissioner shall  
3 5 notify the applicant that the applicant must reapply  
3 6 for an absentee ballot no sooner than sixty days  
3 7 before the election.  
3 8 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.8, subsection 1, Code 2003,  
3 9 is amended to read as follows:  
3 10 1. Upon receipt of an application for an absentee  
3 11 ballot and immediately after the absentee ballots are  
3 12 printed and not less than seven days before the  
3 13 election, the commissioner shall mail an absentee  
3 14 ballot to the applicant ~~within twenty-four hours,~~  
3 15 except as otherwise provided in subsection 3.  
3 16 However, the commissioner may mail an absentee ballot  
3 17 to an applicant less than seven days before the  
3 18 election if the applicant is a voter described in  
3 19 section 53.22, subsection 5. The absentee ballot  
3 20 shall be enclosed in an unsealed envelope bearing a  
3 21 serial number and affidavit. The absentee ballot and  
3 22 unsealed envelope shall be enclosed in or with a  
3 23 carrier envelope marked postage paid which bears the  
3 24 same serial number as the unsealed envelope. The  
3 25 absentee ballot, unsealed envelope, and carrier  
3 26 envelope shall be enclosed in a third envelope to be  
3 27 sent to the registered voter. If the ballot cannot be  
3 28 folded so that all of the votes cast on the ballot  
3 29 will be hidden, the commissioner shall also enclose a  
3 30 secrecy envelope with the absentee ballot.  
3 31 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.8, subsection 2, Code 2003,  
3 32 is amended to read as follows:  
3 33 2. If an application is received so late that it  
3 34 is unlikely that the absentee ballot can be returned  
3 35 in time to be counted on election day, the  
3 36 commissioner shall enclose with the absentee ballot a  
3 37 statement to that effect. The statement shall also  
3 38 point out that it is possible for the applicant, a  
3 39 member of the applicant's immediate family, or the  
3 40 applicant's designee if the absentee ballot is voted  
3 41 by a voter described in section 53.22, subsection 5,  
3 42 to personally deliver the completed absentee ballot to  
3 43 the office of the commissioner at any time before the  
3 44 closing of the polls on election day.  
3 45 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.17, subsection 1, Code 2003,  
3 46 is amended to read as follows:  
3 47 1. The sealed carrier envelope may be delivered by  
3 48 the registered voter, or a member of the voter's  
3 49 immediate family, or the voter's designee if the  
3 50 absentee ballot is voted by a voter described in  
4 1 section 53.22, subsection 5, to the commissioner's  
4 2 office no later than the time the polls are closed on  
4 3 election day.  
4 4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 53.17, subsection 2, Code 2003,  
4 5 is amended to read as follows:

4 6 2. The sealed carrier envelope may be mailed to  
4 7 the commissioner. ~~The carrier envelope shall indicate~~  
~~4 8 that greater postage than ordinary first class mail~~  
~~4 9 may be required. The commissioner shall pay any~~  
~~4 10 insufficient postage due on a carrier envelope bearing~~  
~~4 11 ordinary first class postage and accept the ballot.>~~  
4 12 #8. By renumbering as necessary.  
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